

NOTES ON EDUCATION.

The Meharry medical department of Central Tennessee College was organized in 1878 for the purpose of furnishing to the colored people of the South an opportunity of obtaining a medical education. "At that time," says the *Nashville American*, "there was no medical school in the Southern States that would admit colored students, and the North the doors of many of the medical colleges were closed against them. It took its name from the generous and philanthropic family who have so liberally contributed to its establishment and support. In 1879, through the munificence of the Rev. Samuel Meharry, of Shawnee, Ind., and his brothers, the Rev. Alonzo and Dr. W. D. D., it was aided by the Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a lot was purchased, and the beautiful and commodious brick building was erected on the Meharry Medical College was erected. The building is of brick, two stories in height, including the basement, and about forty feet wide by sixty feet length. The college has an enrollment of young men, including the graduates of this session, nearly all of whom are now engaged in the successful practice of their profession in the Southern and Western States."

More than \$40,000 a year is spent on professors' salaries in the University of Texas, and many papers in that State think that this is sheer extravagance. The *Fort Worth Gazette* says: "The catalogue shows that during the last session there were matriculated 219 students, giving an aggregate cost to the State for the tuition of each of a little over \$280. The enormity of such an expenditure will be appreciated when it is stated that a student might be sent to Washington, Lee University, and his entire expenses for tuition, board and room defrayed for less than this amount. Adequate provision was made for teaching 500 pupils, and the average attendance has doubtless never been less. Thirteen professors and one assistant, the head of every department, are now enjoying the luxury of an assistant, who really performs the greater proportion of the labor."

The catalogue of Wesleyan University for 1884-85 has just come to hand. In view of the present agitation over elective studies and allied subjects, it is interesting to notice that at Wesleyan there are no electives in the Freshman year. Sophomores must study one modern language, but are allowed to choose between French and German. In the junior year, however, there is a wide liberty of choice. The only required studies are the Constitution of the United States, physiology, chemistry, geology and psychology. The list of electives includes calculus, theoretical and practical physics, practical chemistry, zoology, botany, physical geography, mineralogy, English literature, elocution, history, logic, Latin, classical and Biblical Greek, French, German and Italian. In the senior year ethics and Christian evidences, political economy and astronomy alone are required, while the electives are practical astronomy, practical physics, practical chemistry, chemical philosophy, practical history of science, history of art, history of music and Greek and Latin. In the choice of these electives the student is encouraged to exercise prudence and deliberation, and especially to regulate his choice so that his electives will be in accordance with his major studies. There are 202 students this year in the various departments, including twenty-one ladies. The members of the faculty are twenty in number. Professor James C. Van Beuschenot, who fills the chair of Greek, however, is absent from the university, the place of his professorship being supplied by the chairman of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. His place is taken by Mr. Alfred C. True.

A correspondent of the *Cleveland Leader*, who has been visiting the free kindergartens of San Francisco, thus describes one of them: "The Stanford Free Kindergarten, two classes, organized last July, at 1,906 Mason-st., was the last visited. This is an ideal or model, kindergarten, every appliance necessary to the highest success of the system being supplied through the generosity of Mrs. Stanford. The class, organized July 7, is a memorial to Leland Stanford, Jr., a youth of rare promise, who died last summer. A gift of \$4,000, on the anniversary of his son's birthday, furnished the means to make the school 'the best equipped in the country.' One hundred children are here enrolled. The building, ample and full of light, situated in a rocky setting, is the home of a wealthy citizen, and was once the home of a wealthy citizen. A crayon portrait of the worthy boy adorns the wall over the mantel of the music room, the little walls daily assuring us that with the beauty and grace of childhood, these broad balconies for exercise and a flower garden always in bloom are among the delights of the Stanford free kindergarten. Besides the twenty-five kindergartens of San Francisco there are on this coast two in Oakland, one in San Jose and two in Los Angeles."

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